

5 We claim:

1. A film cutter apparatus comprising:

an elongated rail base;

10 a pair of rails formed at a top surface of said elongated rail base and a channel  
formed within said rail base and between said rails; and

a blade housing formed of an upper portion and a lower portion;

said upper portion of said blade housing a blade, a bottom edge of said upper  
portion of said blade housing protruding on either end from said blade and an end surface  
being rounded and inclined upwardly and from either end of said bottom edge;

15 said lower portion of said blade housing slidably moving in said channel.

2. The film cutter of claim 1 wherein said upper portion of said blade housing has a  
grip surface, said grip surface having a concave shape.

20 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rails are formed of a material which is  
adapted to provide a positive charge to film received over said rail.

4. The apparatus of claim 3 where said rail is formed of a material having a shore A  
durometer.

25 5. The apparatus of claim 3 where said rail is formed of a first material selected from  
the group consisting of flexible vinyl, acrylic or polyvinyl chloride.

30 6. The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said elongated base rail is formed of a second  
material of rigid vinyl or PVC.

7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said first material is coextruded with said  
second material.

5 8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said blade housing is formed of a flexible material providing lubricity.

9. The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said blade housing is formed of acetal or silicon.

10 10. The film cutter of claim 1 wherein said blade housing is formed of a left section and a right section, said blade is attached to said left section and said right section with a rivet extending through an aperture of said blade.

15 11. The apparatus of claim 1 where said blade is angled from said bottom edge of said upper portion.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said blade is angled at a 30° angle from said bottom edge of said upper portion.

20 13. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said lower portion is formed of a tracking device for slidably moving in said channel.

25 14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said tracking device is formed of a tubular base, a middle portion attaches said lower portion to said upper portion and said tubular base sliding in said cavity having a corresponding tubular shape.

15. The apparatus of claim 14 wherein said middle portion has predetermined length to provide a predetermined clearance between said blade and said rails.

30 16. The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a pair of end caps adapted to be releasably attached to either end of said elongated rail base for providing a bumper of elongated rail base and releasing upon application of excessive force.

5 17. The apparatus of claim 16 wherein said end cap includes a pair of male protrusions which engage a pair of respective female receptacles on a side surface of said elongated rail base.

18. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein a rear edge of said elongated rail base includes  
10 a depression, said depression being adapted to receive a cover of a carton of said film.